

and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension of an existing OMB clearance (9000-0007).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning summary subcontract report. This OMB Clearance expires on September 30, 2003.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), Room 4035 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rhonda Cundiff, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-0044.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

In accordance with the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631, *et seq.*), contractors receiving a contract for more than \$10,000 agree to have small and small disadvantaged business concerns participate in the performance of the contract as far as practicable. Contractors receiving a contract or a modification to a contract expected to exceed \$500,000 (\$1 million for construction) must submit a subcontracting plan that provides maximum practicable opportunities for small and small disadvantaged business concerns. Specific elements required to be included in the plan are specified in section 8(d) of the Small Business Act and are implemented in FAR 19.7.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Number of Respondents: 4,253.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.66.

Total Responses: 7,098.

Average Burden Hours Per Response: 15.90.

Total Burden Hours: 112,864.

Obtaining Copies of Justifications:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0007, Summary Subcontract Support, in all correspondence.

Dated: June 17, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

RIN 1840-ZA03

Upward Bound Program Participant Expansion Initiative

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education

ACTION: Notice of proposed priority.

SUMMARY: Using fiscal year (FY) 2003 funds, the Secretary of Education proposes to establish an absolute priority to provide supplemental funds of up to \$100,000 to selected Upward Bound Program projects. Those eligible to receive funds under this absolute priority must have received supplemental funds in FY 2000 and serve at least one target high school in which at least 50 percent of the students were eligible for free lunch under the National School Lunch Act during the 2001-2002 school year. Applicants not eligible for the absolute priority are invited to apply and will be funded, subject to availability of funds, as described in the funding order below. The selected projects must use the supplemental funds to provide services to eligible project participants with the greatest need for those services.

The Secretary further proposes that projects that receive supplemental funds under this priority are required to select otherwise eligible participants who attend a target high school in which at least 50 percent of the students were eligible for free lunch under the National School Lunch Act during the 2001-2002 school year and who have the greatest need for Upward Bound services. Otherwise, eligible students

having the greatest need for Upward Bound services are those who:

1. Have not met the State academic achievement standard for grade eight in reading/language arts;

2. Have not met the State academic achievement standard for grade eight in math; or

3. Have a grade point average of 2.5 or less (on a 4.0 scale) for the most recent school year for which grade point averages are available.

By using State academic achievement assessments to determine student eligibility for services, schools can align this initiative with the requirements and activities supported by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before July 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments about this proposed priority to Larry Oxendine, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 7044, Washington, DC 20006-8510. If you prefer to send your comments through the Internet, use the following address: margarita.benitez@ed.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margarita Benitez, Sheryl Wilson, or Gaby Watts, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 7020, Washington, DC 20006-8510. Telephone (202) 502-7600.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact persons listed in the preceding paragraph.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Invitation To Comment

We invite you to submit comments regarding this proposed priority. During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about this priority in room 7039, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday of each week except Federal holidays.

Assistance to Individuals With Disabilities in Reviewing the Rulemaking Record

On request, we will supply an appropriate aid, such as a reader or print magnifier, to an individual with a disability who needs assistance to review the comments or other documents in the public rulemaking record for this proposed priority. If you want to schedule an appointment for